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For:

BROADCASTING UNIT TO BROADCAST DISTRIBUTIVE INTERACTIVE

SERVICES IN AN ACCESS NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1,

after the title, insert the heading: --Background of the Invention--.

lines 4-5, delete "as defined in the non-characteristic part of claim 1" and insert

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--for broadcasting in an access network channels of a distributive interactive service to a

plurality of user terminals--.

lines 5-6, delete "as defined in the non-characteristic part of claim 4".

after line 25, insert the heading: --Summary of the Invention--.

Page 2,

lines 1-2, delete in their entirety and insert:

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According to the invention, this object is achieved by a broadcasting unit including a channel selector adapted to select amongst available channels at an input of said broadcasting unit the channels to be broadcasted; a channel broadcaster, coupled to